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get to ask these questions if it went over to Select File where the bill is on its way now.

SENATOR WARNER: Right. It's appropriate that you ask, Senator Mahoney, because Senator Stull did not offer the amendment. The Committee placed the amendment on it.

SENATOR MAHONEY: That's right. I wanted to bring that point out. Might I ask you for a second, also, Senator Warner, when we talk about wards of the courts, what about people who might be living and residing on the land, teaching, part of the staff, part of the administration. Are we, also, going to pay the tuition of the students of this paid people who are part of that.

SENATOR WARNER: As the amendment is drafted, it's restricted to students who are placed in a school district as a result of a ward of the state or of a ward of the courts.

SENATOR MAHONEY: This will not pay for students of the people who are on the staff or work as teachers.

SENATOR WARNER: That is correct.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Then, Senator, could I have a little better breakdown, if you might have the knowledge and you might not have this, you might have to get it from the staff. Let's take Douglas County alone and we'll use Boys Town as an example. We call that wards to the court or is that considered wards to the court?

SENATOR WARNER: I called out, just when we started, Senator Mahoney, to have them bring that up to me and they were to have a staff meeting or something and they haven't come up yet. Now, I suspect this bill could be considered controversial. For example, I did not vote for it.

SENATOR MAHONEY: No, I'm not raising that question. I understand, Senator Warner. You are just in the bad job of having to be Chairman of the Committee and the introducer of the bill is not here and I thought, maybe, you could throw some light on it.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, the way it stands now though it's the Committee's responsibility not the introducers. But if you want to pass over it until I get that up, I think it would be appropriate.

SENATOR MAHONEY: No, I don't care to pass over it. I just think it would be an appropriate time to discuss it now because yesterday I was out of the room and not here when the other bill was discussed and I think this bill has gone from something like \$11,000 to \$600,000. I think all the Senators should be aware of what you are doing at the end of the pike here. This bill is going to place close to a million dollars.

PRESIDENT: Senator Epke, did you wish to be recognized? All right. Does somebody have a... Senator Whitney, do you have a direct answer for Senator Mahoney's inquiry?

SENATOR WHITNEY: I didn't hear the question.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Carpenter, asked to speak first, so... stand by. Senator Carpenter. Senator Carpenter, do you wish next to be recognized on this bill.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I think we ought to pass it over in view of the questions.

PRESIDENT: All right. So ordered. Move on to the General File consideration, then, of LB 311. Senator Carpenter.